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Malcolm Price Laboratory School PLS • NEWSLETTE

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Welcome New Students!

Welcome to the 1991-1992 school year at Malcolm Price Laboratory School. Welcome back to all of our returning students and parents and a special welcome to our new students and parents who are embarking on their first of many happy years and experiences at PLS.

There are some changes in the building which many of you have already noticed. We have new ceilings, lights and blinds in a number of offices and classrooms. There are also some organizational changes which have been made recently. We have a new administrative structure which divides the responsibilities of the Head of the Department of Teaching and the Director of the Laboratory School, nine new full-time teaching staff, and a record number of new students. Many PLS students have never experienced the addition of so many new classmates since they entered PLS for the first time. In grades one through six, we have 45 new students. Fully 20% of our grades seven through 12 students are new this year. The seventh grade alone has 23 new students (46%) and the ninth grade is next highest with 11 new students for 21%.

Our increase in the number of new students is related to two main factors: open enrollment and a greater number of new Cedar Falls students filling spaces that had become available due to student transfers to schools other than PLS. Increasing numbers of students is good news to any school. It did, however, provide us with the challenge of integrating our new students with our returning students. Every faculty and staff member pitched in to accomplish the task of producing a single student body rather than the "old kids" and the "new kids." We believe that we have been fairly successful. Elementary parent-teacher conferences during the first week of school helped teachers constructively address start-of-school fears. Discussions in elementary and secondary classrooms touched on the universal experience of being new at some time and the anxieties associated with that experience. Returning students showed new students how to get through the lunch line, how to get to the locker room, where the nurse is found, where to use the telephone, which door to use for a fire drill and how to sit during the tornado drill. Price Lab School students have reached out and welcomed, wholeheartedly and unconditionally, their new classmates.

New students also mean new parents joining us for their first PLS experience. We welcome you to what we consider a partnership in providing quality educational experiences for your child. Your participation in PLS activities with your child will enhance his/her enjoyment in school and help to model your values for education in general and your child's success in all aspects of school life. We believe that it is important for parents to be involved in the life of PLS and in their children's lives. Do not hesitate at any time to contact your child's teachers, coaches, directors or principal. It is only by asking questions, offering information and providing feedback to us that we can truly address the total needs of each of our students. I am confident that new parents will be welcomed by our returning PLS parents just as enthusiastically as our new students were welcomed by returning students. We are the strongest advocates and examples for our children when we work as partners.

Welcome everyone to the 1991-1992 school year. We are off to a great start and have every expectation of continuing that trend for a very successful year.

Linda Fernandez
Director

Price Laboratory School

Faculty Directory

NAME	DEPARTMENT	CAMPUS PHONE
Jim Becker	Modern Language	2367
Judy Beckman	Language Arts	6047
Maribelle Betterton	Grade 5	2209
Carl Bollwinkel	Science	2783
Dianna Briggs	Business	6382
Cindy Bucknam	Physical Education	2558
David Christensen	Grade 5	2032
Darlene Cooney	Early Childhood/ Spec. Ed.	2775
Karen Couch	Science	2414
Lynn Countryman	Science	2414
Don Darrow	Industrial Technology	3082
Nadene Davidson	Home Economics	2291
Aricia DeVries	Special Education	2344
Lynn Dykstra	Audio Visual Director	2575
Dave Fagle	Science	2414
Michael Fanelli	Music (Strings)	2027
Linda Fernandez	Director	6136
Rosa Marie Findlay	Modern Language	2361
Lou Finsand	Science	2760
Gail Froyen	Library	2638
Judy Gish	Grade 3	2540
Cheryl Grosvenor	Nursery/Kindergarten	2172
Jim Hantula	Social Studies	2055
Keith Harms	Physical Education	2486
Ed Harris	Art	3079
Argelia Hawley	Modern Language	2657
Barbara Heitzman	Creative Drama	2087
Lowell Hoeft	Modern Language	2361
Melanie Holmes	Music	2600
Tom Keller	Guidance	2220
Dennis Kettner	Mathematics	2237
Gloria Holmes	Nursery/Kindergarten	2007
Kris Klinehart	Grade 3	2428
Roger Kueter	Department Head	2202
Bob Lee	Physical Education	2486
Don Luck	Systems Programer	2885
Diane MacLennan	Grade 2	2428
Jim Maltas	Mathematics	2066
Diane McCarty	Grade 4	2608
Kim Miller	Special Education	2233
Ben Myers	Physical Education	2486
Phil Nelson	Social Studies	2347
Lynn Nielsen	Elementary Principal	2514
Kathy Oakland	Language Arts	2591

Earl Ockenga	Mathematics	2066
Dody Olson	Nurse	2348
Laura Petersen	Grade 6	3255
Neil Phipps	Physical Education	2486
Natalia Porfirenko	Modern Language	2657
Dean Primrose	Business	2129
Victoria Robinson	Social Studies	2064
Sue Saveriede	Language Arts	2594
Mary Schneider	Grade 1	2168
Lynn Schwandt	Math	2207
Jody Stone	Science	2414
Betty Strub	Grade 2	2540
Clare Struck	Guidance	2220
Annette Swann	Art	2127
Jim Sweigert	Modern Language	2572
Denise Tallakson	Grade 1	6887
John Tarr	Mathematics	2210
Nick Teig	Secondary Principal	2138
Kay Treiber	Grades 2, 3, & 5	2657
Leonard Upham	Music (Band)	2407
Rick Vanderwall	Language Arts	2572
Marj Vargas	Language Arts	2294
Paul Waack	Activities Director	2533
Lee Weber	Social Studies	2056
Ted Whang	Music (Vocal)	2031
Linda Withers	Grade 6	2446
Joanne Wolfe	Grade 4	2171

Homeroom Parents 1991-92

Nursery a.m. - Grosvenor

John and Rebecca Leonard

Paul and Faith Meyer

Nursery/Kindergarten a.m. - Kirkland-Holmes

Leon and Jarith Wessels

Bruce and Mercedes Hayes

Nursery/Kindergarten p.m. - Kirkland-Holmes

Doug and Karen Hahn

James and Jodi Landau

David and Rita Rusley

Grade 1 - Schneider

Anthony and Leah Murillo

Rick and Tracy Wumkes

Grade 1 - Tallakson

Bruce and Barbara Iverson
Geogrey and Karen Mills

Grade 2 - Strub

Mitch and Gwen Bernstrom
Gary and Nadene Davidson

Grade 2 - MacLennan

Kent and Lori Candee
James and Diane Hinke

Grade 3 - Gish

Mark and Vicki Oleson
Steven and Lori Dow

Grade 3 - Klinehart

Diane Adelmund
Tim and Debra Schmidt

Grade 4 - Wolfe

Roger and Cindy Hahn

Grade 4 - McCarty

Phillip and Kathy East
Dennis and Janet Reimer

Grade 5 - Getterton

Robert and Susan Figurski
David and Joann Sears

Grade 5 - Christensen

Stephen and Wendy Potter
Geogrey and Vicki Grimes

Grade 6 - Withers

Michael and Denise Goyen
Raymond and Patricia Pedersen

Grade 6 - Petersen

Duane and Kathleen Frisbie
Stephanie Lieder

From the Athletic Director...

On August 10-11, 1991 NUHS Boosters, Inc. (the booster club organization for the Lab School) put on the First Annual and First Ever in Iowa Gus Macker Basketball Tournament. The tournament attracted 245 teams and 5,000 - 7,500 spectators to the UNI parking lot to play and watch 3-on-3, driveway basketball for two days. Players representing eleven states played in the tournament. Among the participants were many college players (male and female). From all indications, the operational part of the tournament went very well and the Macker organization told the committee to expect at least 500 teams next year.

In addition to games being played on 21 courts at all times, the big attraction was the appearance of B.J. Armstrong of the World Champion Chicago Bulls at two clinics on Saturday. Other events during the two days included a slam dunk contest, a Dinky Dunk contest, a free-throw contest, a Hot-Shot contest, and a Kid's Kourt. As you can tell, the tournament involved hundreds of volunteers from the Lab School, Norwest Bank (our major sponsor), and many who had little, if any, connection to the school. The committee wants to say a big "THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU" to all of the volunteers.

The committee had two goals for this year's tournament. The first was to break even financially and it appears that this was accomplished. The second was to lay a sound operational groundwork for future tournaments so that the booster club could make some money for the school in the future. It appears that this was also accomplished since all comments from players, spectators, and volunteers indicate that they had enjoyed the days and wanted to return in future years. One young volunteer who worked during the entire tournament and had no connection to the Lab School said it was the best weekend of her entire summer!!

In conclusion, please consider playing and/or volunteering to work at the next Macker tournament to be held on August 8-9, 1992. It will give you an opportunity to have fun, contribute to our school, and allow you to meet and work with other members of the Lab School family.

Welcome New Staff!

In addition to the number of new students we welcome to PLS, we are also welcoming a record number of new staff. Each new faculty or staff member was carefully selected and represents the very best in instruction for your students. Please join us in welcoming our new faculty.

Lyn Countryman: Mrs. Countryman, seventh and eighth grade science teacher, was with us last year on a temporary appointment but joins us this year on a regular appointment. She jumped right in this year by organizing what she hopes will continue as a tradition: the seventh and eighth grade fall retreats.

Aricia DeVries: Mrs. DeVries, special education resource teacher at the high school level, re-joins us after a year's absence during which she was teaching full-time for the University in the area of Special Education.

Linda Fernandez: Dr. Fernandez serves as the Director of the Laboratory School. She comes to us from Cedar Rapids where she has been a teacher and administrator for the past ten years.

Gloria Kirkland-Holmes: Dr. Kirkland-Holmes teaches in our Nursery-Kindergarten program. We are very happy to have her back at PLS after two years during which she was with the Regent's Center for Early Childhood Development.

Kris Klinehart: Mrs. Klinehart is our new third grade teacher. She brings 11 years of teaching experience, primarily in the reading area, to her present assignment in our third grade. Mrs. Klinehart most recently taught for the Southeast Polk School District.

Jim Maltas: Mr. Maltas has been a math teacher for 19 years in Ohio, Illinois and Iowa, most recently in West Liberty. This year he will be teaching general math, geometry and eighth grade math. Mr. Maltas is the current holder of the Iowa Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching, the highest award of its kind in the United States.

Natalia Porfirenko: Mrs. Porfirenko is from the Ukraine and has come to the University and PLS for one year to learn more about our education system and to help us learn more about her country. She will be working with our elementary and secondary classes to bring first-hand information to our students.

Victoria Robinson: Mrs. Robinson teaches in the Social Studies department and is our student council advisor. She has come to PLS following 20 years of teaching experience in Villisca, Cedar Falls and Mason City. This year, Mrs. Robinson will be teaching Global Insights, Economics, World History and seventh grade social studies.

Jim Sweigert: Dividing his time between teaching Russian for the University in the Modern Languages program and teaching Russian to our students at PLS will keep Jim Sweigert busy this fall. He has most recently completed a year of travel in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. Prior to that, Mr. Sweigert taught Russian at the University of Southern California.

Lee Weber: Mr. Weber taught social studies for seventeen years in Nebraska and South Dakota before coming to PLS this year. He will be teaching government, psychology, sociology, United States history and Law Related Education this year. Law Related Education is a special interest area that he will be continuing to develop along with related student activities such as Model Legislature.

Ted Whang: Although Mr. Whang is not new to PLS (having served as our accompanist last year) he is new to his current assignment. Mr. Whang is now our vocal music teacher, directing our middle school and high school vocal music groups and filling a crucial role in our musical drama and musical productions.

Linda Withers: Seven years of previous elementary teaching experience in grades 3, 5, and 6 prepare Linda Withers well for her sixth grade teaching responsibilities at PLS this year. Mrs. Withers moved to Cedar Falls from Winona, Minnesota and taught the Expressive Arts course for the University last year.

ELEMENTARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

School Day Hours

Reminder: We strongly encourage children to arrive at school no earlier than 8:15 am. Safety patrol begins operating and the school lobby is supervised starting at that time. School begins at 8:30 am and is dismissed at 3:00 pm. Safety patrol will operate from 3:00 to 3:15 pm.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences will be held on November 11 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. and on November 14 from 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm. More information will be coming in October.

Playground Improvements

Over the past year, parents, students and teachers have worked together to raise funds to improve the playground. This effort resulted in the fulfillment of a dream which has been long overdue. On September 17, 1991 a ribbon-cutting ceremony was hosted by the PTP organization in celebration of the new playground equipment which was installed in August. If you have not as yet had a chance to see the new equipment please stop by the primary playground at any time. It is really impressive and a welcome improvement.

Changes in the Nursery/ Kindergarten Program

Due to the hiring freeze and the current budget situation, adjustments were necessary in the staffing of the Nursery/Kindergarten program this year. Dr. Gloria Kirkland Holmes is teaching both a morning and an afternoon nursery/kindergarten class. Mrs. Cheryl Grosvenor is teaching a morning nursery class. Both Dr. Holmes and Mrs. Grosvenor provide a very excellent developmentally appropriate program for four-, five- and six-year-old children. In the future, we hope to offer again a full-day option at this level.

SECONDARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Nine Weeks Grade Reports

The first nine weeks will end Tuesday, October 29, 1991. We will be processing grades and a mailing will go to all students/parents as quickly as this process is completed.

Magazine Sale Fund Drive

On September 11, 1991, an assembly was held for middle and high school students related to the NASCO Home Reading Program magazine sale fund drive. It began on September 11 and was completed on September 23. Funds raised are credited to each class for use in future class events.

Attendance

We sincerely appreciate the manner in which parents have been willing to call the school when their student is absent. It makes the record-keeping process more efficient when we don't have to call homes or places of employment in order to account for students. The secondary attendance number is 273-2185.

Parents and Teachers in Partnership (PTP)

This year's officers for the PTP organization are as follows:

President	LuAnn McAdams
Vice-President	Jody Landau
Secretary	Becky Corbin
Treasurer	Deb Schmidt
Membership Chair	Mary Fisher

The school is greatly indebted to the efforts of this organization. Over the years they have contributed countless hours to the school in the way of volunteer service and fund-raising. All parents are welcome and encouraged to become a member of this important organization. If you are not a member please contact Mary Fisher, Membership Chair.



PLS School Lunch Menus

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sept. 30 Turkey Sandwich Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy Green Beans Fruit Cocktail	Oct. 1 Oven-baked Chicken Baked Beans Potato Salad Peanut Butter Sandwich Peaches	Oct. 2 Pizza Burgers Vegetable Sticks Fresh Fruit Pudding	Oct. 3 Chili/crackers Dinner Roll Pears	Oct. 4 Hamburger Tater Rounds Apple
Oct. 7 Hogie Sandwich w/lettuce & tomato Fresh Fruit Pudding	Oct. 8 Lasagna Garlic Bread Cole Slaw Pears	Oct. 9 BBQ'd Rib Sandwich Corn Fresh Fruit	Oct. 10 Taco Salad Corn Bread Applesauce	Oct. 11 Egg or Tuna Salad Sandwich Vegetable Sticks Peaches Dessert Bar
Oct. 14 Pizza Sub Sandwich Vegetable Sticks Fruit Cocktail Brownie	Oct. 15 Baked Potato/ Topping Choice Peaches Buttered Bread	Oct. 16 Chicken Sandwich Peas & Carrots Applesauce Cookie	Oct. 17 Spaghetti Garlic Toast Lettuce Salad Pears	Oct. 18 Hot Dog French Fries Fresh Fruit
Oct. 21 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Chicken/Noodle Soup Vegetable Sticks Apple	Oct. 22 Beef 'n Bean Burrito Applesauce Cookie	Oct. 23 Ham Salad or Peanut Butter Sandwich Carrot Stick Fresh Fruit Raisin Cream Bar	Oct. 24 Beef Stew Cinnaman Roll Pears	Oct. 25 Pork Tenderloin Sandwich Broccoli/Cheese Sauce Pineapple Chunks
Oct. 28 Hot Ham'n Cheese Sandwich Vegetable Sticks Fresh Fruit Blueberry Parfait	Oct. 29 Pizzaroni Lettuce Salad Buttered Bread Orange Half	Oct. 30 Sloppy Joe Hamburger Raw Vegetable Salad Pears Rice Krispie Bar	Oct. 31 Chili-Cheese Casserole w/ Cornbread Topping Applesauce <i>Happy Halloween!!</i>	Nov. 1 Fish Sandwich Potato Chips Vegetable Sticks Peach Crisp

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 VB-ENP-T (Eldora)-6:00 JH FB-Denver-T-4:00 JH VB-Denver-H-4:00 Musical Auditions-3:10	3 Blood Drive-1:00 Elem. Picture Day Sec. Make-Up Pictures CC-Metro-At West Waterloo 5:00 Musical Auditions-6:45	4 FB-N. Tama-T (Traer)-7:30 Musical Auditions-3:10	5 VB-NU Tourn.-H-9:00 GSW-C.F. Inv.-T (Holmes) 10:00
6	7 F/S FB-N. Tama-T (Traer) 6:30	8 GSW-E. Waterloo-T-4:30 CC-Dike-T-4:30	9 VB-N. Tama-H-6:00 JH FB-N. Tama-T (Traer) 4:00 JH VB-N. Tama-H-4:00	10 FB-Dike-H-7:00	11	12 GSW-Urbandale-T-9:00 CC-North Linn-T-9:30
13	14 F/S FB-Dike-H-6:30 VB-BCL-UW-H-6:00	15 GSW-Vinton-T-5:00 CC-NU Inv.-H-5:00	16 VB-Denver-T-6:00 JH FB-Union Middle-H-4:15 JH VB-Union Middle-T-4:15	17 GSW-Charles City-H-5:00	18 FB-Grundy Center-T-7:30	19
20	21 F/S FB-Grundy Ctr-T-6:30 VB Sectionals	22 GSW-Columbus/CF-T (Holmes)-7:00	23	24 CC-Districts	25 FB-ENP-H-6:15	26 All-State Music Auditions
27	28 VB Regionals	29 END FIRST NINE WEEKS (45 days)	30 FB-1st Round Playoffs	31		

* Indicates a change

Positive Criticism and Your Child

* Listen to what you are saying. Listen to your words...the tone of your voice...and think about the look on your face.

* When possible, explain why certain behavior or action is desired. This not only provides the child with a guideline for the moment, but also gives him/her the tools to evaluate situations for future behavior.

* Do not use terms that belittle, humiliate or embarrass the child. Negative words have a negative impact. A child may after being told enough times, begin to believe he is a "dummy" or "stupid".

* Get to the point. Long lectures can confuse the child and cover far more issues than the one at hand.

* Be perfectly clear. Use words the child understand and make sure the child knows what behavior is undesirable.

* Don't expect more of the child than he/she can

do. It's unfair to expect reasoning or behavior beyond the child's ability to perform.

* Don't compare. Make allowances for differences in talents, capabilities and personalities.

* Be completely honest with your child. Share your feelings. A child can understand worry, fear and concern.

* Admit your own mistakes. Your children will appreciate knowing you're not perfect.

* Make sure rules are understood. Sometimes criticism comes from a misunderstanding of rules, expected behaviors, and the consequences of misconduct.

* Let your child make decisions about things affecting him/her. By helping decide rules and punishment, children better understand the things that affect them.

* Be a good listener. Let your child know you care about his/her feelings and are willing to work problems out together.

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